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OPTICAL FIBRES FOR USE THEREIN

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Dear Sir:

Please note that a request for a Certificate of Correction was submitted in connection with the subject patent on February 1, 1999. A copy of the Certificate of Correction (2 pages) and return postcard showing that the request was received by the Patent Office is attached for the Examiner's convenience. Please note that the following errors were noted in the printed claims of the subject patent:

Claim 1 at Column 17, lines 58 and 59, "illumination device" (second occurrence) should read --optical fibre--,

Claim 1 at Column 17, line 66, "wail" should read --wall--;

Claim 17 at Column 18, lines 60 and 61, "Illumination device" (second occurrence) should read --optical fibre--;

Claim 19 at Column 19, line 8, "illumination devices" should read -- optical fibres--

Claim 20 at Column 19, line 20, "illumination devices" should read --optical fibres--; and

Claim 21 at Column 20, line 10, "illumination devices" should read --optical

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To the extent that these errors have not yet been corrected by the Patent Office, amendment of claims 1, 17, and 19-21 is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due for this request. However, if any fee becomes due during the pendency of these proceedings, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Confirmation of claims 1-21 of the '876 Patent and allowance of new claims 22-25 is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that furtherance of this proceeding may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 2, lines 31 and 32, "rods, once" should read --rods. Once--;

Column 3, line 15, "spots" should read --spots',--;

Column 3, lines 26, "Comprising" should read --comprising--;

Column 5, line 55, "in" should read --is--;

Column 6, line 68, "in accordance the invention" should read --in accordance with the invention--;

Column 8, line 24, "useful depending" should read -useful. Depending-;

Column 8, line 26, "0 ≤ O < 90°" should read --0 ≤ angle < 90°--;

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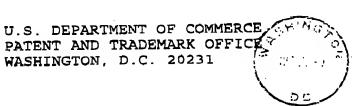
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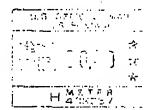
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